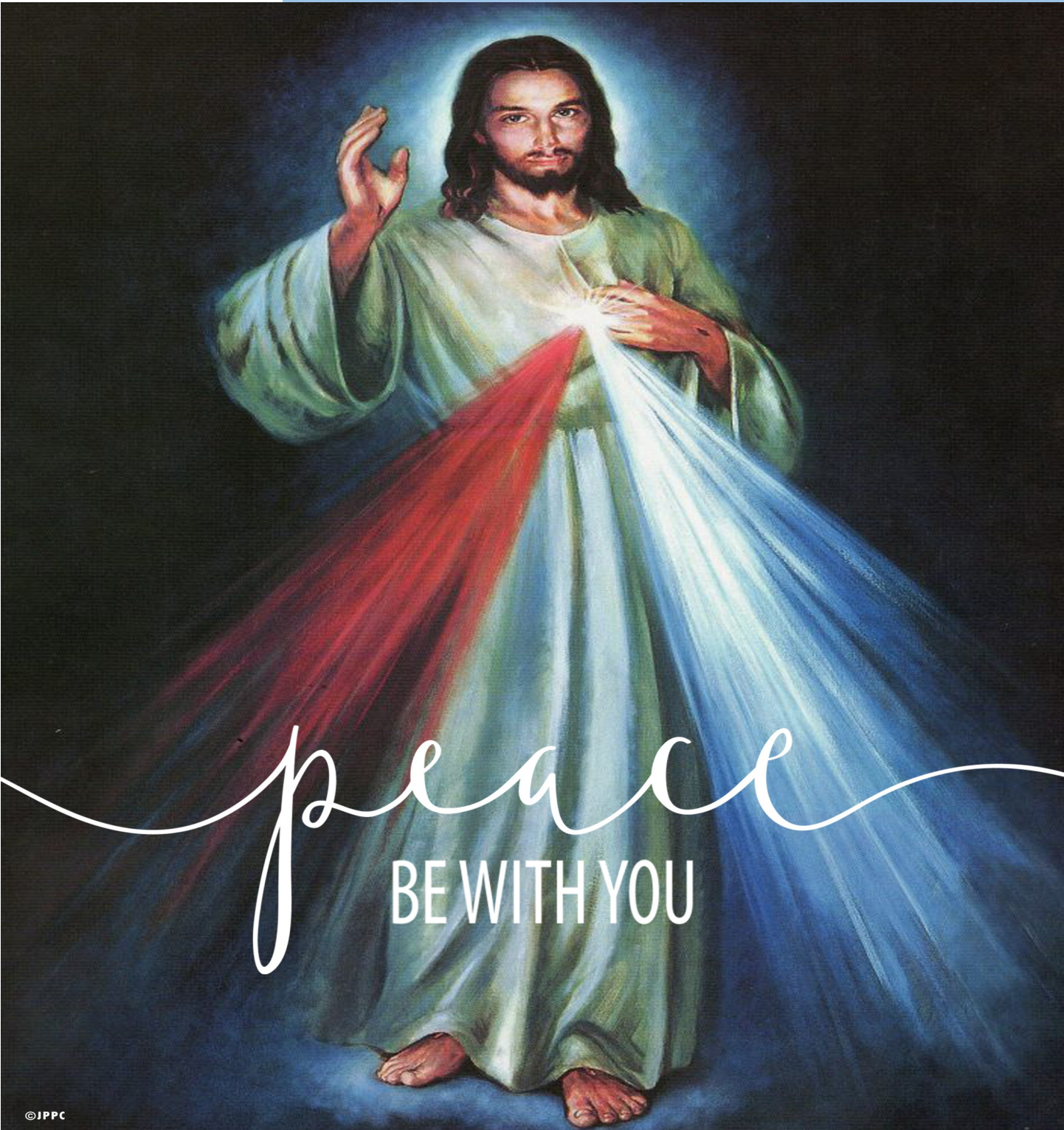




April 19, 2020 | 2nd Sunday of Easter

**THE PARISH OF
SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE**



MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH OCTAVE OF EASTER

Michael Rossi *by His Loving Parents*

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

People of the Parish
Angelina & Paul Cosenza *by The Cosenza Family*

MONDAY, APRIL 20TH

Mary Austin *by Kevin & Kathy O'Hara*

TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST ANSELM

No Parish Intention

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND

No Parish Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD

No Parish Intention

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH

No Parish Intention

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH MARK

Edwina Szumowski *by Loving Daughter, Fran*

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

Edward Hoffman *by Rocky & Susan Costa*
People of the Parish



SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you've been thinking about having the Sanctuary Candles burn in the memory of your loved one, envelopes are available in the Gathering Spaces of both the Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena for your intentions and offering of \$10. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions at 856-881-9155.

*This week, the Sanctuary Candle in Nativity burns
For the Health & Well-Being of*

*Matt Healy
Birthday Remembrance
From His Loving Parents*

OUR MILITARY HERO PRAYER LIST

If you have a family member serving in one of the branches of the military, please send their name, rank, and branch of service to the Parish Office (PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com or 856-881-9155).

*Please keep our brave service people in your prayers,
Especially those suffering from the effects of war.*

US Army

Cpl Austin Arledge, Specialist Bryan Jenkins,
1st Sgt Shane W. McLaughlin, MAJ Eric Miller, &
CPT Graham Miller

US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr & EM2 William Little

US Marine Corps

Gy Sgt Brad Davis, Cpl Nate McAllister, & CPT James V. Tumolo

LT JG Dominic J. Tumolo, US Navy; US Army Medic

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Rob Christian,
Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,
Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Mary Alyce Hagelstein,
Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Ginny Hoffman,
Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord,
John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride,
Gerry McCloskey, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers,
Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh,
Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola, & Susan Webster



NATIVITY: 2677 Delsea Dr, Franklinville SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA: 700 N Delsea Dr, Clayton

PARISH OFFICE: 49 W North St, Clayton, NJ 08312-1114 PHONE: 856-881-9155 FAX: 856-881-9166

OFFICE HOURS:

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, please call or e-mail the Parish Office at PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY: *Please contact the Parish Office.*

NEW PARISHIONERS: *Welcome!* Please take a look at our website or call to register

Please visit our website at <https://www.psmaj-nj.com>

PSMA & ConnectNow | Giving

Is Online Giving Safe?

Online Giving meets the highest banking-level security standards set forth by the Payment Card Industry (PCI) to ensure safe and confidential transactions. In fact, your banking information is encrypted in the system and is not accessible to any users or administrators of the Online Giving system. When you manage your own account information, your church never needs to handle checks or worry about locking up documents containing your account information. And you'll always be certain that your gifts are direct-deposited into your church's account.

What are the advantages of Online Giving?

It makes it easy to give, even when you are unable to attend church. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan its budget!

How my contributions are automatically deducted from my account?

Once you complete the online registration form, the contribution amount you specify will automatically be transferred from your bank account to the church's bank account.

When will my contribution be deducted from my account?

Your electronic contribution will be debited on the date you specify on the "My Gifts" page of the Online Giving system.

If I do not write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?

Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date. Electronic contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement as well as your online reports.

Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?

Your bank statement and the Online Giving system both provide reports that document your electronic transactions.

Can I put different amounts in offerings and have all of them withdrawn at different times?

You can contribute to different offerings at different times; however, you will have to do each one separately. You will receive a receipt for each one.

What if I change bank accounts?

Log in and update your account information in the My Payment Methods window. Each checking/savings can be changed using the edit button, deleted completely, or new accounts can be added on the right side of the screen.

How much does Online Giving cost?

It costs you absolutely nothing! The parish pays the transactions fees charged by the company.

What if I try Online Giving and don't like it?

You can cancel your authorization by cancelling your gifts and donation dates at any time.

Something to consider ...

This is the eighth day of the fifty days of Easter. Every one of those days celebrates the Divine Mercy that reaches out to save the world, and of which we become ministers of faith through the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, & Confirmation). How will you renew your baptismal promises this Easter to be people of mercy?

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



"Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, who Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
(Acts 20:35)

Saint Mother Teresa once said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." You can make a difference in someone's life right here in our local community by donating any nonperishable food item of your choice to our pantry.

Suggested items include, but are definitely not limited to, **pasta sauce, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, oatmeal, pancake mix, canned chicken, peanut butter and jelly.**

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity!



*Your parish brings you
the light of Christ.*

**Please help keep the light shining by giving
through your parish's online program or app.**

STEWARDS OFFER PEACE

*"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them,
'Peace be with you.'"*
~ JOHN 20:19 ~

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. **Stewards** are made for relationships – with God and each other. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.

Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

The popularity of roller coasters at amusement parks, haunted houses at Halloween, and horror shows at movie theaters all attest to the fact that sometimes we like the thrill of a good fright. Fear overtakes us when we perceive mortal harm, face the unknown, or encounter what is utterly different and threatening. When the fear is caused by temporary or unreal situations such as those mentioned above, our fears are quickly allayed. We climb out of the roller coaster car with our stomach back where it belongs. We emerge from the haunted house all in one piece. We leave the theater to re-enter familiar and safe surroundings. A sense of well-being and peace comes over us as we laugh at the entertaining good time and its now dissipated fears. Sometimes, however, the fears are real and not so easily swept away, like the fear of the Disciples in this weekend's Gospel. They were well-aware of Jesus' fate. Their fears were well-grounded. The locked doors were a sensible protection. Unlike the peace we make in the face of roller coasters, haunted houses, or horror shows, the Disciples could not make their own peace. They had no power. ***Did they?***

And as we have now entered the second month of COVID-19 isolation, we, too, have our sensible protections: stay at home, wash your hands A LOT, facemasks ... will we ever look at our familiar surroundings in the same way again? Will we be able to wipe away our fears? Will we be able to make our own peace?

Into this scene filled with palpable fear, the risen Lord appears, and three (3) times He addresses the gathered Disciples, ***"Peace be with you."*** What is this peace He brings? It is a peace that allays fears, empowers forgiveness, and prompts us to accept the reality of suffering and death as doorways to new life. The peace Jesus brings prompts us to face death rather than cower from it. The peace Jesus brings prompts us to set right our relationships. This peace is new life ... the Spirit breathed into us by the risen Lord. It is not a peace we can make for ourselves. It is a peace that is the gift of the risen Lord.

Peace is the wholeness and well-being of the gift of the Spirit breathed upon us and dwelling within us. This peace bestows on us the life and power of Jesus Himself, and with it we can make a difference in our world. We can establish God's reign. We can continue Jesus' ministry of bringing salvation to all. The condition of this gift of peace, however, is belief. Belief is not merely an exercise in intellectual consent, but a commitment of self to acceptance of the Life that is given us. We know ***to whom and to what*** our belief is directed: **to Jesus and the gift of new life.** We know ***how*** we receive new life: **through Jesus' gift of the breath of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us.** We know the ***fruit*** of this new life: **peace and forgiveness.**

Our greeting of others must also be one of peace since we, too, share in the Lord's risen life. As with the Disciples, Jesus allays our fears and offers us a whole new relationship with Him – not one where we need to touch His wounds, like Thomas, but one in which we utter with joyful conviction, ***"My Lord and my God!"*** We also enter into a whole new relationship with each other as we continue the works of Jesus that lead others to believing. These works include forgiveness, yes, but also caring for others, accepting them for who they are, easing pain and suffering. Any good we do brings new life ... brings risen life ... to others. Our ministry of goodness brings salvation. We are empowered to do so through the Holy Spirit. All we need to do is surrender to God's action within us. We have the fifty days of Easter to come to greater belief ... deepen our relationships ... forgive ... spread peace. We have our whole lifetime to manifest the good works of our belief.

May Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, protect, and intercede for us always! May you and your families continue to be well and safe!

Fr. Larry

Mass Intention Book

You will notice from the Mass Intentions on the second page of the bulletin that there are many open Masses during the week ...

In this time of COVID-19, social distancing, and closed Parish Offices and churches, you can still request a Mass or Sanctuary candle. (Our Lord is still present in the Tabernacles of both Saint Catherine of Siena and Nativity churches.)

You can call 856-881-9155 or you can e-mail PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com to make your request. You can then send your Mass stipend to the Parish Office via regular mail or drop it off at the Parish Office. (I will give you instructions how to drop off your stipend, if that is your choice, when you call or e-mail the Office ... I also ask that your stipend be received at least one (1) week in advance of your requested Mass (so that it can be printed in the bulletin).

As per the directives of the Bishop, I continue to say Mass daily, privately for the intentions of the Parish and for an end to COVID-19. I look forward to once again saying public Masses and pray that will be soon.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the Parish during these extraordinary times.

Fr. Larry

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

NEW ON-LINE PROGRAMMING



Diocese of Camden Easter Retreat 2020

With Easter upon us, the Diocese of Camden and the Office of Discipleship and Leadership will be continuing our on-line programming, with a mix of live stream and recorded shows throughout the month of April. Monday through Thursday of each week, new shows will be released at 8p on the Diocese of Camden social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfCamden>

<https://twitter.com/camdendiocese>

<https://www.youtube.com/camdendiocese>



The Divine Mercy is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather it leads into the continuing celebration of God's mercy during Easter time. As the Octave Day of Easter, the Scripture readings and prayers of today highlight the mystery of divine compassion that underlies the Church's Easter faith.

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

BY SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

MY JESUS,

I BELIEVE YOU ARE PRESENT IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.

I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS AND I DESIRE TO RECEIVE YOU INTO MY SOUL.

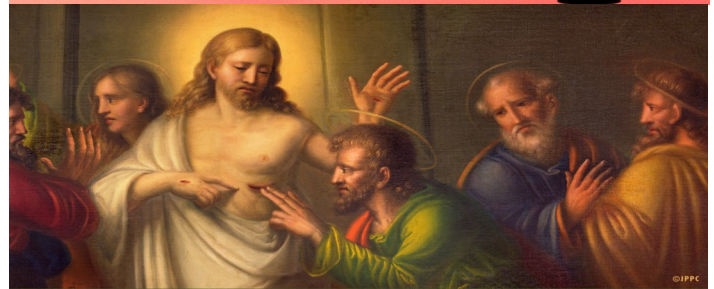
SINCE I CANNOT NOW RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY,

COME AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY INTO MY HEART.

I EMBRACE YOU AS IF YOU WERE ALREADY THERE, AND UNITE MYSELF WHOLLY TO YOU.

NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU.

AMEN.



"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND HAVE BELIEVED."

Knights of Columbus Council 6890 Scholarships



Due to the continued success of our fund-raisers, the KoC Council 6890 will again award two (2) one-time scholarships to any high school graduate with a 2.5 grade-point-average or above who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in their school, church, or community and who will be attending any four-year or two-year accredited college or university.

A second scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to any eighth-grade student who plans to attend a Catholic high school.

Please see your school guidance counselor for an application. Applications are due by Monday, April 27, 2020. Please contact Ed Waligore at 856-881-2484 or 609-313-8680 for any questions you may have.

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN
Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick.
 We pray that the coronavirus that has
 affected so many in our world can be
 contained, controlled, and cured.

We lift up to your mercy all those affected,
 all those working hard to study and cure this
 illness, and all health care professionals and
 emergency management teams that are
 working day and night to keep us safe.

Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful care.

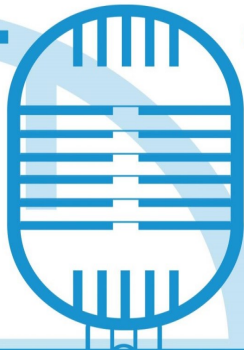
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.
 Amen.



Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Our Lord, Jesus Christ Has Risen!

Daily Mass Readings

- Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
- Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35



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Talking.CatholicStarHerald.org



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